

Response to a first Office Action

Application No. 10/042,632

This communication is a response to the Office Action having a mailing date of 09/15/2003 and setting forth a shortened statutory period for response which would expire on 12/15/2003.

The applicant has studied the examiner's action carefully and has noted the examiner's objections to the drawings. Not all objections to the drawings are valid but are a problem in the specifications. Therefore, the applicant has decided, because of the many changes to be made in the specification, to rewrite pages 5 - 12 in accordance with the instructions found in a flyer and sent with all office actions, especially section B).

Amendments to the Specification.

The pages 5 - 12 will be presented in a marked-up version and a clean version. Some of the individual paragraphs will be discussed according to their numbered paragraphs.

Some of the drawing Figs. have been corrected and are submitted herewith.

Paragraph 6. The examiner asks that Patent No '5,143, 529' be replaced by Patent No. '5,143, 529". The patent No. in the specification is correct.

Paragraph 8. The examiner is unclear whether the filter has an open and a closed end. From the specification it is clear that the filter to be cleaned has an open end and closed end and there should not be any doubt that this is the case. A reading of the specification should make this clear.

Paragraph 8, line 6. The examiner states that it is confusing when reciting the use of

'lateral moving' and 'along the length of the filter' The means for lateral movement define the path of the movement and "along the length of the filter' define the location